

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A proanthocyanidine having an effect of attenuating a vacuolating toxin produced by *Helicobacter pylori*.

2. (Original) A proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 1, the proanthocyanidine originates in hop or hop bract.

3. (Original) A proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 1, the proanthocyanidine originates in apple.

4. (Currently Amended) A ~~preventive or preventing recurrence or treating~~ agent composition for gastritis, gastric ulcer or gastric cancer in which *Helicobacter pylori* participates, comprising an effective amount of the proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 1, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

5. (Currently Amended) A ~~preventive or preventing recurrence or treating~~ agent composition for gastritis, gastric ulcer or gastric cancer in which *Helicobacter pylori* participates, comprising an effective amount of the proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 2, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

6. (Currently Amended) A ~~preventive or preventing recurrence or treating~~ agent composition for gastritis, gastric ulcer or gastric cancer in which *Helicobacter pylori* participates, comprising an effective amount of the proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 3, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

7. (Previously Presented) A neutralizing agent for vacuolating toxin that is produced by *Helicobacter pylori*, comprising an effective amount of the proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 1, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

8. (Previously Presented) A neutralizing agent for vacuolating toxin that is produced by *Helicobacter pylori*, comprising an effective amount of the proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 2, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

9. (Previously Presented) A neutralizing agent for vacuolating toxin that is produced by *Helicobacter pylori*, comprising an effective amount of the proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 3, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

Claims 10-12 (Cancelled).

13. (Original) A food and drink product containing as an effective ingredient the proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 1.

14. (Original) A food and drink product containing as an effective ingredient the proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 2.

15. (Original) A food and drink product containing as an effective ingredient the proanthocyanidine as claimed in claim 3.

16. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition for attenuating a vacuolating toxin produced by *Helicobacter pylori*, comprising an effective amount of 2-1000 mg of a proanthocyanidine originating in hop, hop bract or apple, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

17. (Previously Presented) A proanthocyanidine derived from immature apple fruit or hop bracts and having a property of being capable of attenuating a vacuolating toxin produced by *Helicobacter pylori*.